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## STATEMENT OF MR. HANNA

**Mr. Rowell Gives Quietus to Story of Ontario Club's License and Relation to Liberal Policy—Short Sitting of Legislature.**

During the brief sitting of the Legislature yesterday the order paper was cleared of a number of questions put by Opposition members in anticipation of the Budget to-day. Hon. J. J. Foy stated that the total expenditure to date in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Commission, exclusive of printing, was \$8,702.17. The amount is made up as follows: 1911, \$1,574.49; 1912, \$3,664.68; 1913, \$3,463.00.

Hon. W. J. Hanna gave the details of the presence of Provincial License Inspector W. K. Snider in the three counties that voted on the Canada temperance act on January 29 last. Mr. Snider was in Peel county, at Brampton, on January 23; he was in Huron county, at Wingham, on January 23, at Clinton on the 24th and at Goderich on the 25th; in Welland county, at Ridgeway on the 26th, and at Stevensville on the 27th. Mr. Hanna said he would discuss the whole situation in the estimates.

Hon. W. H. Hearst stated that construction had been commenced on the Lake Huron & Northern Ontario Railway, although no official report had been made to the department. No lands had so far been sold, neither had the department designated the manufacturing plants to be erected.

### Tax Reform Measures.

Lieut.-Col. T. R. Mayberry (South Oxford) introduced a bill along the line of the Liberal policy to amend the assessment act, to permit municipalities to have a differential assessment on land and improvements. Another bill to amend the assessment act was brought in by Mr. J. G. Anderson (South Bruce) to enable Township Councils by by-law to have tax notices sent through the mails instead of having to be delivered by the tax collector. Mr. Anderson in another bill would give municipalities power to exclude motor vehicles from highways on certain hours of the day.

Another effort to enable litigants to proceed against the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway in the same manner as against any private corporation, without the necessity of securing a fiat from the Attorney-General, will be made by the Opposition. Mr. Rowell secured the first reading of a bill to amend the T. & N. O. act in this respect.

### An Insinuation Repudiated.

Mr. Rowell, on the orders of the day being called, took occasion to repudiate an erroneous statement recently published in The London Free Press, that the Ontario Club was the headquarters of the Liberal party, and making him personally responsible for the sale of liquor at the Ontario Club.

"I presume this statement," said Mr. Rowell, "must be based upon the suggestion of the honorable member

of West Hastings (Mr. J. W. Johnston) in this House the other day, though the honorable member did not go so far as The London Free Press. Permit me to say that the statement is entirely without foundation. The Ontario Club is not the official headquarters of the Liberal party of this Province. It is a social club, organized in the same way as the Albany, the National or the Toronto Clubs. Its membership is composed of both Liberals and Conservatives.

"In the second place, I am neither an officer nor a director of the club, and have no more say in its management than any other of its more than five hundred members; and, on the other hand, the Ontario Club, as such, has no say or voice in shaping the policy of the Liberal party.

### A Squelcher for Interrogator.

"I believe it is an exceedingly high-class and well-run club, but like all other leading clubs in Toronto it has a club license. The hon. member for West Hastings asked the other day if I had been doing anything to get this license cancelled. Permit me to say that I have been doing my best, not only to secure the abolition of this license, but the licenses of every other club in this Province. My regret is that I have not received any support in so doing from the hon. member for West Hastings or any other member on the Government side of this House."

Mr. Rowell's statement was received with good-humored applause by the Conservative members. It is evident that throughout the session the Liberal members will lose no opportunity of bringing the temperance question to the front, and whenever the occasion presents itself will show the position occupied by both parties on the policy now before the country.